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Dear Ethics Board,

I recently qualified as a candidate for Louisiana State Representative District 104. I am writing today to request a waiver from the cost of my ethics violation when I mistakenly did not submit my campaign finance report prior to the deadline. When I received the certified letter informing me of my mistake, I promptly submitted the appropriate paperwork. As this is my first attempt to seek public office, I naively did not think that my campaign finance report was required because I had not raised any money from anyone and only spent \$200 total of my own money during my campaign. Also, I withdrew as a candidate only 5 days after qualifying. I filed my personal finance disclosure on time and did not make a good decision when I overlooked filing my campaign finance disclosure. Since this is my first attempt to serve in public office and I have no history of any previous ethical issues, I respectfully ask that I be given another opportunity to make better, more informed decisions in the future and that the current fees that I owe as a result of my mistake be waived.

Thank You,

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